

3 From John T. to James T. K

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My dearest Son, Before I advert to other things two subjects which I am afraid of forgetting may as well be mentioned. The one is that I believe Melnes's Skit is a very good Book & you may as well have it (but if you don't like it return it for it is a saleable work) - the other is, the probability of our being paid a Debt which Dr. Simpson of Addwick owes us, if Mr Johnson will allow me to propose to Dr. S. that mode of settling which Dr. R. C. Schooling offers. Our Bill is 40-15-6 all before Dec 30. 1816, & one of it 3 or 4 years before that. - Now I will take other things as they rise to my recollection. - Thank you for your Defense of the Doctor's Bill. Perhaps you will learn by accident from whom the Books are obtained; but it is very likely to be Longman. I could almost think it worth while to propose to the Retail Trade some Resolution counteracting this kind of conduct, for I fear we shall become as bad as the Stationers here in time; but my natural predisposition to commence Hostilities stands a great chance of checking this inclination for a little time longer - Meanwhile I shall bear it in mind, & sound my Fellow Traders as I have Opportunity. - I think the best of the late Novels (3 yrs) is Ivanhoe, the next Reveries, then the Monastery, last of all the Scottish - Wesley's Life is I dare say & Kebley tells me a curious entertaining Book & one which would suit you. Moore's Sheridan's ^{works} ~~works~~ ^{works} are coming out in 2 vols 8vo. - The Life by Trapp is just issued - ^{the} ~~unpublished~~ Edition in 4 to only & it is not ready yet.

We have nothing forthcoming to suit you except Clare 2 vols
in a month. I made a list of 21 new works to be published by
us, which I showed to Kebley about an hour since, but except an
abridgement of my English Grammar which he has begun he says
they must all be written by me. — I am almost knocked ^{up} with the
fatigue & doudgery of editing Clare, but when ready they will be
far superior to his former volume —

I have got Chalmersworth on Protestantism to look at, but
cannot find the ^{enumeration of} instances you wish for in it. Perhaps it is
in some other of his works, which I shall see in a day or two —
otherwise I know not where to look for it. — Leibnitz had
some other Theory I conceive not mine in view, but I can
pretty fairly understand what he means. — I have no fear of
making mine clear, could I once get Time to state it fairly.
— In the interim I am frequently making some additions to my
Examples — so that Time does not retrograde with me. — Locke
had some notions not very different ^{from} those of Leibnitz. Woodhouse
is translating his Latin Letters: they contain some very curious
speculations, and some day I hope to send them for your Inspec-
tion. I mean Locke's Letters. — English Obeds shall be sent with
Miles the Feb. No. of The London Mag. — Cary has made
an offer thro' us of being Editor in the place of poor Scott
He is not the ready Man which such a Work requires, but
the Name of the Translator of Dante will do good. — I
can hardly tell you anything more of the Duel than what
appeared in the papers, — but those you say you seldom see.

— Perhaps you have not heard of the Death of poor Keats. He died 3
days before his Defenders death. This ought to be another Blow to
Hearts of those Blackwood's Men. I believe I shall try to write his
Life — it is the wish of his Friends, and was Keats's wish also — in
that case I shall have occasion to speak of the Treatment he has
met with from the Race of Critics & Envy-mongers. — The Epitaph
he desired to be placed on his Tomb is characteristic of him —
"Here lies one whose Name was writ on Water?" — Barry Cornwall
(alias Mr Proctor) called on me the Morning Intelligence arrived
of his Death, and having me speak of this Epitaph he had written
about it in a sketch of the biographical kind to his memory
which will appear I understand in the next London Press.

Rich^d Taubert is written by a very clever Man who
have long wished to know: he was the author of some beautiful
Sertite songs published by Crook in his "Remains of Methusalem
and Galloway Song". His Name is Allan Cunningham, and he
is the Foreman to Chantry the Sculptor. — I must get acquainted
with him: he is a Man of Genius —

Have you heard that John Drury of Hereford is on the
point of being married to a Miss Lepton of Hull? He has
taken a House in Leicester, for my Aunt residing near to her
Intention of taking care of Vol. 1. by which you may understand
the House she lives in — I should have liked that Proof
if nobody else valued it which was taken from Kendalme
— I have more of these are speeded by the State in all the particu-
culars. —

30th we have heard from Henry Hutchinson respecting another
place (Clarke) for our third brook - Henry will give 250 to build
the purchase - this is very good - all we wait for is a letter from B's
Father at Bath. -

The news from Naples is unfavorable at present, but if
they are in real want of grain & bread they will obtain
it in time -

X

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I wish you would come to Ipswich this Spring & bring my Father
to visit with you - Say what can be done - My kindest regards
to Mother & the dear friends - Dear you
Yours most affectionately
John Taylor